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1. TWO MONTHS AGO GYOVAI INDICATED HE WOULD BE MAKING VISIT TO U.S. AT UNSPECIFIED DATE AND PROMISED GIVE EMBASSY A LETTER STATING HIS PLANS AND WITH WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET. REFTEL IS FIRST SUBSEQUENT NEWS WE HAVE HAD OF GYOVAI VISIT OR INDICATION HE BEING ACCOMPANIED BY BOGNAR. FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE INFORMS US BOTH HAVE ALREADY LEFT COUNTRY, ARE IN CANADA AND WILL BE ARRIVING U.S. JUNE 12. THEREFORE, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN THEIR WISHES RE THIS VISIT.

2. WE NONETHELESS HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS. FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE OF WHICH GYOVAI IS DIRECTOR IS AS FAR AS WE KNOW HUNGARY'S ONLY OFFICIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS THINK TANK. IT STUDIES FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS FOR MFA AND MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR FOREIGN POLICY DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF HSWP. THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS GLAD TO LEARN OF ARRANGEMENTS DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY MADE TO RECIVE BOGNAR AND GYOVAI. WE RECOMMEND, IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS ALREADY SET UP MEETINGS AT BROOKINGS
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INSTITUTE, GEORGETOWN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE AND WITH NSC STAFFER. BOGNAR IS EDITOR OF INSTITUTE'S QUARTERLY JOURNAL. THIS SUGGESTS THAT IF THEIR ITINERARY AND DURATION OF STAY PERMITS BOGNAR AND/OR GYOVAI MIGHT PROFIT FROM MEETING WITH EDITORS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN POLICY OR OTHER SCHOLARLY U.S. JOURNAL, INCLUDING PERHAPS ONE SPECIALIZING IN EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

FINALLY, WE HAVE SEVERAL TIMES POINTED OUT THAT OFFICE OF
INR IS SOMEWHAT OF COUNTERPART TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS
INSTITUTE IN OUR MEETINGS WITH FAI MEMBERS. WE THINK IT
ADVISING THEREFORE THAT GYOVAI AND BOGNAR MEET WITH INR
OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

3. WE UNDERSTAND GYOVAI IS HISTORIAN AND ALSO SPECIALIST
IN SOVIET AFFAIRS WHILE BOGNAR HAS PARTICULAR INTEREST
IN THIRD WORLD WHICH HE MAY WISH TO EXPLORE WHILE IN STATES.
BOTH, HOWEVER, OCCUPY POSITIONS WHICH REQUIRE BROAD VIEW
AND THOROUGH FAMILIARITY WITH EAST-WEST ISSUES.
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